

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting 26 August 2009

Present:

Jack Marshall
Ben Ogilvie
Katja Heesterman
James Butchers
Intisar Muketar
Nurul Sultan
Duncan Armstrong
Rebecca Bullen
Tapiwa Bururu
Dipti Manchanda

Georgina Rhoades

Apologies:

- Zoe Doole; Ruth Corkill; Elesha Edmonds

Welcome:

- Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- Only one change to the draft Minutes was noted – adding an 's' to James' name.

The Minutes with this change were accepted by Jack and seconded by Intisar. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

General Business:

- **Regional Youth Council Hui** – This is to be held on 30 September at Silverstream from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Rebecca, Dipti, Nurul, Tapiwa and Ben said that they would like to attend this Hui. Georgie to send out an email to the rest of the Youth Council members not in attendance at this meeting to see if they are interested in attending.

- **Human Rights Forum Feedback** – Ben presented his feedback on the Forum. They started at Capital E with an opening speech from the Human Rights Commissioner, went to the Global Education Centre where there was a presentation on the media and the portrayal of youth. The group were then split up with some going to Capital E to do an 'On TV' presentation and the other group preparing a digital story presentation. They attended presentations on race relations and the Treaty of Waitangi and other presentations as part of the overall Diversity Forum. They also presented their digital stories and 'On TV' presentation to the Forum.

Ben noted that this Forum was very inspiring and gave him some ideas for the Youth Forum about addressing similar issues. Ben will arrange to get some pamphlets for Youth Council that were available at the Diversity Forum.

- **Recruitment/Non Apologies** – Non attendance and not sending in apologies for meetings was discussed. It was agreed that the ToR should stand if members have not attended or sent in apologies for three meetings they will be written to and informed that they can no longer members of Youth Council. Georgie will follow up with Tim Wang who has not attended meetings for a while and Jack with follow up with Annelise Havill. It was noted that Yulia Gaiduch had decided to resign from Youth Council.
- **Training** – Ben from On the Edge Trust will be the facilitator for this training day. The date was confirmed for 20 September to start at 10.00 and go till 3.30. The venue will be confirmed shortly.
- **Forward Plan** – The question was asked what Youth Council members are doing about this and when do they need to report back? This will be part of the training day to decide on how Youth Council want to organise this. Georgie will be meeting with Councillor Wain to get more information on these subjects. Duncan to be added to the Youth Forum group on the Forward Plan.
- **Meeting Dates** – Meetings will be held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month from September. The dates agreed on are: 16 September; 21 October, 11 November and some time in the second week of December (to be confirmed later). The December meeting will include an end of year function.

Other Business:

- Duncan tabled a petition for Youth Council members to sign on the withdrawal of funding for community education.
- Georgie tabled a letter received from MP Paula Bennett on the Youth Opportunities Package. The Government are asking for ideas from Youth Council on community projects where they can provide funding

for workers. It was agreed that Katja will get further information on this before Youth Council respond to the letter. Katja will email members to set up a separate meeting to discuss this.

Next Meeting: 16 September 2009